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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 511
By Norris

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the Shelby County
School Board of Education upon its selection as
the Tennessee School Board of the Year.

WHEREAS, It is fitting for the members of this Assembly to pay tribute to those
outstanding citizens who, through their exemplary efforts, have distinguished themselves in
service to young people; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy group is the Shelby County School Board of
Education which was recently honored as the 2001 "School Board of the Year" by the
Tennessee School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, The Chairperson of the Shelby County School Board, Mr. David Pickler,
was honored with the distinction of being named to the "All-Tennessee School Board"; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Shelby County School Board were recognized by their
peers and earned this great award through their commitment to excellence in education; and

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WHEREAS, This excellence in education was pursued by the Shelby County Board of Education through grass roots campaigns to garner public support for increased funding for its schools; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County School Board of Education has created open forums to allow increased parental and community participation in education; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County School Board of Education has also implemented policies to reintroduce patriotism and service to country in the educational process; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County School System has been named one of the "Top 100 School Districts in the U.S." by Money Magazine, largely due to the meritorious efforts of the Shelby County School Board; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of the Shelby County Board of Education to increase parental participation in education have resulted in Shelby County Schools having the largest PTA membership in the state; and

WHEREAS, The diligence of the Shelby County School Board has aided the system in achieving accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at every school and achieving its seventh consecutive prestigious "What Parent's Want Award" from School Match, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County School Board has received incredible support from Dr. James B. Mitchell, Jr., Superintendent of Shelby County Schools; and

WHEREAS, The members of the distinguished Shelby County Board of Education are Mr. David Pickler, Chairperson, Mrs. Virginia Harvell, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Ron Lollar, Ms. Anne Edmiston, Mr. Joseph Clayton, Mr. Wyatt Bunker, and Ms. Karen Hill; and

WHEREAS, These accolades earned by the Shelby County School Board of Education are a testament to their devotion and commitment to the young people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, These awards not only show the excellence in leadership by the Shelby County School Board, but also demonstrate the willingness of Shelby County's young people to

work diligently to make their system a shining example of educational excellence in the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the members of the Shelby County Board of Education for the Board's much deserved selection as the Tennessee School Board of the Year and their outstanding service to the children of Shelby County, and we wish them well in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school board and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.